

REMARKS

Applicant affirms the election of invention II, claims 57 – 71.

The Examiner objected to claims 67 – 71 and suggested that applicant rewrite claim 67 to place it in independent form. Applicant has done so.

The Examiner rejected the claims as anticipated by Matthews. The originally presented claims were quite broad. The independent claims specified that the computer system takes one action if a key event comes from a remote keyboard and takes a different action if the key event comes from a local keyboard. The applicant has amended the claims to add further limitations. Specifically, the applicant has added limitations that a user provides a selection to direct concurrent key events from the remote keypad to a first application program while key events from the local keypad go to a second application program. As discussed in the application, in prior art systems only a single application program could have the keyboard focus at any one time and it would receive key event data from either a remote or a local keypad. The application teaches that, through an additional server program or modification of the operating system, two or more application programs might be able to receive key event data concurrently, one selected by a user receiving key event data from the remote key pad and the other receiving key event data from the local key pad. These limitations are neither taught nor suggested by Matthews.

Allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.


In the event additional fees are due as a result of this amendment, payment for those fees has been enclosed in the form of a check. Should further payment be

required to cover such fees you are hereby authorized to charge such payment to
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